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The GUARDIAN.

Delenda eſt Carthago——————

Friday, Auguſt 7. 1713.

IT is uſually thought, with great Juſtice, a very impertinent thing in a private Man to intermeddle in Matters which regard the State. But the Memorial which is mentioned in the following Letter is ſo daring, and ſo apparently deſigned for the moſt Traiterous Purpoſe imaginable, that I do not care what Miſinterpretation I ſuffer, when I expoſe it to the Reſentment of all Men who value their Country, or have any Regard to the Honour, Safety, or Glory of their Queen. It is certain there is not much Danger in delaying the Demolition of *Dunkirk* during the Life of his preſent moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, who is renowned for the moſt inviolable Regard to Treaties; but that pious Prince is aged, and in caſe of his Deceaſe, now the Power of *France* and *Spain* is in the ſame Family, it is poſſible an Ambitious Succeſſor, (or his Miniſtry in a King's Minority) might diſpute his being bound by the Act of his Predeceſſor in ſo weighty a Particular.

‘*Mr.* IRONSIDE,

‘YOU employ your Important Moments, methinks, a little too frivolouſly, when you conſider ſo often little Circumſtances of Dreſs and Behaviour, and never make mention of Matters wherein you and all your Fellow-Subjects in general are concerned. I give you now an Opportunity, not only of manifeſting your Loyalty to your Queen, but your Affection to your Country, if you treat an Inſolence done to them both with the Diſdain it deſerves. The incloſed printed Paper in *French* and *Engliſh* has been handed about the Town, and given *gratis* to Paſſengers in the Streets at Noon-Day. You ſee the Title of it is, *A moſt humble Addreſs, or Memorial, preſented to her Majeſty the Queen of* Great Britain, *by the Deputy of the Magiſtrates of* Dunkirk. The nauſeous Memorialiſt, with the moſt fulſome Flattery tells the Queen of her Thunder, and of Wiſdom and Clemency adored by all the Earth, at the ſame time that he attempts to undermine her Power, and eſcape her Wiſdom, by beſeeching her to do an Act which would give a well-grounded Jealouſie to her Subjects. What the Sycophant deſires is, that the Mole and Dikes of *Dunkirk* may be ſpared; and, it ſeems, the Sieur *Tugghe*, for ſo the Petitioner is called, was Thunderſtruck by *the Denunciation* (which he ſays) *the Lord Viſcount* Bolinbroke *made to him*, That her Majeſty did not think to make any Alteration in the dreadful Sentence ſhe had pronounced againſt the Town. Mr. IRONSIDE, I think you would do an Act worthy your general Humanity, if you would put the Sieur *Tugghe* right in this Matter, and let him know, That her Majeſty has pronounced no Sentence againſt the Town, but his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has agreed that the Town and Harbour ſhall be demoliſhed.

‘That the *Britiſh* Nation expect the immediate Demolition of it.

‘That the very Common People know, that within three Months after the ſigning of the Peace, the Works towards the Sea were to be demoliſhed, and within three Months after it the Works towards the Land.

‘That the ſaid Peace was ſigned the laſt of *March*, O. S.

‘That the Parliament has been told from the Queen, that the Equivalent for it is in the Hands of the *French* King.

‘That

(Price Two Pence.)